

realized. Death is no calamity to a Christian but an unspeakable advancement. The Christian church needs a great growth of faith in the gospel of John 11:25, 26. We dishonor God by our fear of death. If we can say, "GOD" with true Christian emphasis, then can we sing in view of death the death-bed doxology of I Cor. 15:55-57.

You say your faith is gaining volume in relation to divine healing. It is well. I believe in healing by the direct power of the Holy Ghost. But not many can be healed in this way, because not many have the requisite faith. No one will be healed by prayer who does not glorify God in sickness. No one is healed by faith who cannot ask for it in the consciousness of an accomplished fact. Neither is it always best to be healed. Discipline may have a higher count in the mind of God than health. II Cor. 12:7, 8, 9. When the divinely appointed hour for our departure has arrived, no prayer will avail. Heb. 9:27. God has again and again lifted me out of the very grip of death, not by human wisdom and skill, but by his grace and power. But he will not always do it. The body is included in the atonement and will share the full glory and blessedness of redemption. But Phil. 3:21 will not be fulfilled until we have passed through the ordeal of death. Then we are divinely healed forever. Hygiene is the divine prescription. I Cor. 10:31. Apart from God, nature is a nonentity. The organic laws are the media of the divine operation. "The body for the Lord" is one of the great commandments. I Cor. 6:13. Tobacco and surfeiting and licentiousness are defilements and provocatives of divine wrath. I Cor. 3:16, 17. To live like Jesus is the only evidence that we are his. He was "God manifest in the flesh," and this is our high calling. Phil. 3:14; I John 2:6. "As he is, so are we in this world." I John 4:17. This alone will give us "boldness in the day of judgment." Ibid. Beautiful, thrilling, perfect is the Christian portrait as given in II Cor. 3:5. What an inventory we have in I Cor. 3:21-23. Living in this consciousness, how natural is the language of I Pet. 1:8. Through faith in Christ we are in the eternal and divine order, and that order is Phil. 1:21.

Riches should be employed for the getting of knowledge, rather than knowledge for the getting of riches.—*Matthew Henry*.

He that thinks much of himself is standing a great distance from God. Out of self into Christ.

TRUST AND HELP.

C. H. WETHERBE.

There is great difference in these words of the psalmist: "My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped." If one would know how able and willing God is to help him he must trust in him. One may be persuaded to believe that God does help some people. If one will accept the testimony of other people he will acknowledge that they have been helped by God; but such knowledge is nowhere equal to that which comes by a personal trusting and a personal reception of help from God. And it is just this personal trusting and its consequent helpfulness which is intensely needed by everyone. It is altogether too common a thing for Christians to say that while they believe that some of God's people have been especially helped by him, yet they themselves hardly know whether they have been particularly and definitely helped by God or not. It seems strange that any Christian will say such a thing. It must be that those who do say so have not fully committed themselves in truthful reliance upon God. Or, it may be that when they say so they are looking on the dark side of their situation and are therefore discouraged. Now, if David with all of his most bitter trials, with all of his weakness and moral failings, with all of his discouragements, could exultantly say, "My heart hath trusted in Him and I am helped," surely every real Christian ought to gladly say so. Just as certainly as there is a great and gracious God as certain it is that if our hearts trust in him we are helped; and we are helped in proportion to our trusting in him. But the trusting must come first and it must be a hearty and fully surrendered trust. Observe, too, that it is a present help, for David said "I am helped." It is help for today, its duties, its trials, its sorrows, its disappointments.

CHRIST'S GIFT OF PEACE.

Before our blessed Master went out to his sacrifice on the cross he made his will. He had not a penny to leave his followers, and in his dying moments he committed his mother to the disciple whom he loved. Yet he made a bequest that outweighs all the millions that the Rothschilds or Astors can leave to expectant heirs. "Peace I leave with you." Such peace as he had possessed amid innumerable persecutions and buffetings, amid poverty and reproach; such peace as had filled his divine heart of love in view of Gethsemane and Golgotha—"My peace I give unto you." A gift is all the dearer because it has belonged to our dearest friend, and is linked with him or her in our memory forever. Our Sav-

our's gift is of his own breast, and which he is ready to pour into the hearts that open to him. It is a peace which passeth all understanding, which keeps the heart from distressing commotions, from rack-ing doubts and fears, from sinful worries and the dark apprehensions of the "judgment to come." Such peace cures the heartaches. Such peace feels rich on a small income, and finds a soft pillow on a bed of pain. Such peace lets God have his way, and is not frightened in the dark. A glorious legacy Jesus left to us when he bestows a peace like this.—*Herald and Presbyterian*.

The Sunday School.

IND. STATE S. S. CONVENTION.

The 33rd Annual State S. S. has just been held at Warsaw. It was a great blessing to the people here. The cream of workers from all over the state were present. The beautiful park furnished ample accommodations. The International Association had its origin in Ind., and the state has been blessed with very wide awake state officers.

The Brethren church was well represented. Two years ago we had no delegates. This year we had 44 from abroad which was a far better representation in proportion than that of any other church.

Our people everywhere should co-operate in these conventions. Thousands come to know of the church and that favorably who would otherwise seldom or never hear our name. We are indebted to the International Association for our uniform lessons and nearly all the helpful plans of S. S. work, and in turn should give it our most hearty support. We find out how much others are sacrificing and giving and it inspires us to raise our own standard.

C. F. YODER.

LESSON FOR JULY 11.

Paul and the Philippian Jailor. Acts 16:22-34.

Golden Text.—Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house. Acts 16:31.

INSTRUCTION.

Introduction.—The last lesson closed with verse 15. This one opens with verse 22. Be sure to read the intervening six verses. The missionaries had made their home in the house of Lydia, going in and out preaching Christ, at Philippi. One day they had quite an experience with a slave girl who claimed prophetic power, "fortune teller," we would say—"a mixture of fraud, clairvoyance, insanity and devil." Day after day she cried out that